

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS #04.365

APPLICANT: State of Tennessee
Department of Transportation
Environmental Planning and Permits Division
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505 Deaderick Street
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LOCATION: Honey Creek Road bridge and approach over Clear Fork River
Scott County

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The Clear Fork River is a designated scenic river within the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. The watershed consists of numerous headwater tributaries in northern Tennessee. Land use is predominantly agricultural and forests. Clear Fork River is a cobble/gravel bottomed and is approximately 125 feet with 6 - 8 foot banks. The existing vegetation along the stream channel consists of mature hardwoods.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to construct a new bridge and approach over Clear Fork River on Honey Creek Road. A biological assessment was completed by the applicant (FWS Log 93-1633, 8-6-2002) to determine impacts to known threatened and endangered species. Conditions limiting the construction of new bridge piers to dry areas or areas separated from the flowing water would prevent harm to T&E species. Additionally, the existing bridge would not be razed and would remain in place. A gravity retaining wall (110 ft.) would also be installed to provide additional bank stabilization. Standard erosion control devices would be used to prevent sediment from entering flowing water. Upon completion of the work, all disturbed areas would be stabilized.

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Brian Canada, STATE OF TENNESSEE, Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control, 7th Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1534

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Honey Creek, TN (128A-NW) and Oneida-South, TN (128A-NE).

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The application described above has been submitted for an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit pursuant to *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977*, T.C.A. §69-3-108.

The purpose of this notice is to advise all concerned of the proposal for which a permit is sought, and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact of the activities upon the respective water resources. The decision whether to issue or deny will in part be based upon that evaluation. All factors that may be relevant to the proposals will be considered.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the issuance of a proposed permit are invited to submit comments in writing to the Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Pollution Control at the address listed above. Written statements received in this office on or before the date of expiration of the comment period thirty days from the publication date of this notice will become part of the record and will be considered in the determination. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the director of the Division hold a public hearing on any application. The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person requesting it, and the reasons that the hearing is warranted. When there is sufficient public interest, the director shall hold a hearing in accordance with Rule 1200-4-7-.04(4)(f).

After consideration of comments submitted during the public comment period, the hearing record if any, and the requirements of federal and State law, the director of the Division will make determinations regarding the final action on each permit. Permit applications, supporting documentation, and related comments are available for review and/or copying.

